(b) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) In the month of October, 1988, the Leaders of Bhartiya Kisan Union had organised a Dharna at the Boat Club, New Delhi. On 29th October, 1988, they made rovocative and inflamatory ulterances on loud speakers. They were warned by the police about the unauthorised use of loud-speakers but they did not pay any heed to it. It was felt by the officers on the spot that best method not involving use of force, was to drown the provocative an inflamatory utterances of the leaders by playing music through loud speakers. The choice of music was purely incidental. No action is contemplated against any one.

Special Assistance for West Bengal

2482. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of West Bengal has requested the Centre to allocate Rs. 40 crores as special assistance for the restoration works in Darjeeling; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Urban Noise Level

2483. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the level of urban noise acceptable under international standards and what are the levels observed in Indian towns and cities; and

(b) what steps have so far been taken to reduce noise pollution in the urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The urban noise level acceptable under international standards, as prescribed by the World Health Organisation (WHO), is as follows:—

Recommended Noise-exposure limits by W.H.O. 1980

Environment		Recommended Maximum Level
Industrial/Occupational		75 decibles
Community/Urban:	Day-time	55 "
	Night time	45 "
Indoor/domestic:	Day time	45 "
	Night time	35 "